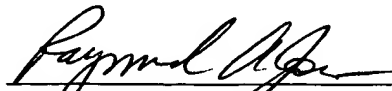




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APPLICANT : RAYMOND A. JOAO
SERIAL NO. : 09/391,335
FILED : SEPTEMBER 7, 1999
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BENEFITS AND/OR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
INFORMATION
EXAMINER : C. GILLIGAN
GROUP : 3626

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office
Action in response to the Office Action, mailed March 21,
2006, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 544-600, 661-708,

and 762-781 in view of prior art references and Official Notice.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's time and courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview on June 6, 2006.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: